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I WONDERED HAVE YOU HAD ANY CONVERSATION WITH HIM ABOUT THAT?

A: NO. IN THE FIRST PLACE, HE WASN'T TALKING ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATION. HE CLEARLY COULDN'T BE TALKING ABOUT US SINCE AT THEIR REQUEST WE HAD JOINED WITH THEM IN AN EFFORT OVER SOME LONG PERIOD OF TIME TO BRING STABILITY INTO THE TRANSITION OF RHODESIA.

Q: FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS YOU'VE BEEN SAYING NOW THAT ALL YOU'RE ACTUALLY DOING IS EXPLORING THE OPTIONS -- THE POSSIBILITY OF WHAT YOU CAN DO IN AFRICA IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS THERE. THE ONLY THING YOU RULED OUT IS THE PARTICIPATION OF AMERICAN TROOPS.

A: YES.

Q: WHY ARE YOU SO CERTAIN ABOUT ONE OPTION AND UNCERTAIN ABOUT --

A: BECAUSE OF THE POLICY DECISION THAT'S BEEN MADE THAT WE WILL NOT USE TROOPS. THE PRESIDENT'S MADE THAT. THEREFORE, I'M CERTAIN ABOUT IT. HE HAS SAID IT.

Q: BUT THERE WAS THE ALERTING OF THE 82ND AIRBORNE. NOW, WHAT WERE THEY ALERTING FOR?

A: AS I SAID AT THE TIME, THEY WERE BEING ALERTED IN CASE IT WAS NECESSARY TO GET OUT OUR PEOPLE OUT OF THAT TERRITORY.

Q: BUT THAT'S THE USE OF AMERICAN TROOPS, ISN'T IT?
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A: THAT'S TRUE, BUT THE CONTEXT OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HAS TO DO WITH THE PERMANENT CREATION, IN THIS CONTEXT, OF A PAN-AFRICAN FORCE THAT WILL BE CAPABLE OF DOING THINGS -- THEN WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING TO HELP THAT, IF ANYTHING; WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO.

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Q: TO FOLLOW THAT UP, TIME MAGAZINE REPORTED THAT A SEGMENT OF THE FOREIGN LEGION BASED IN CORSICA RECENTLY JOINED THE RHODESIAN ARMY. IS THIS OF DEEP CONCERN TO US? IS IT --

A: I'LL BE HONEST TO YOU. I HAVEN'T SEEN IT RISE TO THAT LEVEL, NO.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY EVALUATION OF CUBAN REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ'S PROPOSITION IN AN INTERVIEW WITH BARBARA WALTERS FOR JOINT CUBAN-U.S.-SOVIET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA?

A: NO. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'M SURE THAT IT WAS LOOKED AT. I DON'T HAVE ANY EVALUATION OF IT THOUGH.

Q: HODDING, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, A LEADING SPOKESMAN IN PARIS, IN ANNOUNCING THE OFFICIAL INVITATION TO THIS MEETING ON MONDAY, DID SAY IT WAS TO DISCUSS THE SECURITY OF THE CONTINENT. ARE YOU CONFIDENT THAT IT IS STILL EARLY TO TALK ABOUT SHABA?

A: NO. WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT THAT IS THE PURPOSE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE GOING TO THE MEETING, WITH THE
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I HAVE SAID BEFORE AND I'LL SAY AGAIN, WE MAY -- IN FACT, WE EXPECT -- TO DISCUSS THE SECURITY OF ZAIRE WHILE IN PARIS. WE'VE ALSO SAID THAT THE CONCEPT OF AN AFRICAN FORCE FOR ZAIRE IS WELL WORTH CONSIDERING. WE DISCUSSED THAT BEFORE WITH THE FRENCH AND THE BELGIANS, AND WE PROBABLY WILL BE DISCUSSING IT AGAIN; BUT I CAN ONLY REPEAT WHAT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE FOCUS OF THE MEETING IS.

Q: YOU DON'T EXPECT TO DISCUSS THE SECURITY OF ANY OTHER PART OF AFRICA?

A: NO. I WOULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSING LARGER QUESTIONS IN A MEETING SUCH AS THAT. THE SECRETARY DIDN'T RULE IT TWO DAYS AGO.

Q: AND WHAT WOULD BE THE U.S. POSITION ON OTHER COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ZAIRE?

A: THAT'S WHAT WE'D BE THERE TO DISCUSS. AS I SAID ON TUESDAY, THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANY NUMBER OF IDEAS. WE ARE SEARCHING, AS ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE, FOR WAYS TO INCREASE THE STABILITY OF AFRICA AND THE ABILITY OF AFRICAN NATIONS TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AND TO PURSUE INDEPENDENT COURSE. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE WILLING TO TALK TO ALMOST ANYBODY ABOUT. CHRISTOPHER

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Q: JUST FOR THE RECORD, WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ADVISERS OR PEOPLE HELPING OUT, TRAINING ANY POSSIBLE AFRICANS WHO MIGHT BE ENGAGED IN ENHANCING THE SECURITY OF SHABA?

A: I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT DISCUSSED. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE A POSITION. I DO NOT THINK THAT WHAT WE HAVE OFFERED, HOWEVER, AS THE PRESIDENT HAS NOTED, GOES MORE TO THE LINE OF WHAT WE -- I MEAN, WE HAVEN'T EVEN OFFERED. WHAT WE HAVE SAID IS POSSIBLE. WHAT WE'D BE WILLING TO TALK ABOUT IS MORE ALONG THE LINE OF WHAT WE DID IN THE CASE OF THIS LAST SHABA INVASION. I DON'T THINK THAT QUESTION IS SOMETHING THAT'S BEING PUT FORWARD BY US AS A SUGGESTION.

Q: PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN USED SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL LANGUAGE TO DESCRIBE THE AMERICAN INTEREST IN AFRICA, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH BRITAIN IN TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION WITH RHODESIA. YOU SAID, AS I RECALL, IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE THE INTEREST OF A NEW CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS' HAVING DISCOVERED THE CONTINENT.
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I WONDERED HAVE YOU HAD ANY CONVERSATION WITH HIM ABOUT THAT?

A: NO. IN THE FIRST PLACE, HE WASN'T TALKING ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATION. HE CLEARLY COULDN'T BE TALKING ABOUT US SINCE AT THEIR REQUEST WE HAD JOINED WITH THEM IN AN EFFORT OVER SOME LONG PERIOD OF TIME TO BRING STABILITY INTO THE TRANSITION OF RHODESIA.

Q: FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS YOU'VE BEEN SAYING NOW THAT ALL YOU'RE ACTUALLY DOING IS EXPLORING THE OPTIONS -- THE POSSIBILITY OF WHAT YOU CAN DO IN AFRICA IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS THERE. THE ONLY THING YOU RULED OUT IS THE PARTICIPATION OF AMERICAN TROOPS.

A: YES.

Q: WHY ARE YOU SO CERTAIN ABOUT ONE OPTION AND UNCERTAIN ABOUT --

A: BECAUSE OF THE POLICY DECISION THAT'S BEEN MADE THAT WE WILL NOT USE TROOPS. THE PRESIDENT'S MADE THAT. THEREFORE, I'M CERTAIN ABOUT IT. HE HAS SAID IT.

Q: BUT THERE WAS THE ALERTING OF THE 82ND AIRBORNE. NOW, WHAT WERE THEY ALERTING FOR?

A: AS I SAID AT THE TIME, THEY WERE BEING ALERTED IN CASE IT WAS NECESSARY TO GET OUT OUR PEOPLE OUT OF THAT TERRITORY.

Q: BUT THAT'S THE USE OF AMERICAN TROOPS, ISN'T IT?
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A: THAT'S TRUE, BUT THE CONTEXT OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HAS TO DO WITH THE PERMANENT CREATION, IN THIS CONTEXT, OF A PAN-AFRICAN FORCE THAT WILL BE CAPABLE OF DOING THINGS -- THEN WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING TO HELP THAT, IF ANYTHING; WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO.

WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS WE'RE NOT GOING TO USE FORCE.

Q: TO FOLLOW THAT UP, TIME MAGAZINE REPORTED THAT A SEGMENT OF THE FOREIGN LEGION BASED IN CORSICA RECENTLY JOINED THE RHODESIAN ARMY. IS THIS OF DEEP CONCERN TO US? IS IT --

A: I'LL BE HONEST TO YOU. I HAVEN'T SEEN IT RISE TO THAT LEVEL, NO.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY EVALUATION OF CUBAN REPRESENTATIVE RODRIGUEZ'S PROPOSITION IN AN INTERVIEW WITH BARBARA WALTERS FOR JOINT CUBAN-U.S.-SOVIET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA?

A: NO. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I'M SURE THAT IT WAS LOOKED AT. I DON'T HAVE ANY EVALUATION OF IT THOUGH.

Q: HODDING, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, A LEADING SPOKESMAN IN PARIS, IN ANNOUNCING THE OFFICIAL INVITATION TO THIS MEETING ON MONDAY, DID SAY IT WAS TO DISCUSS THE SECURITY OF THE CONTINENT. ARE YOU CONFIDENT THAT IT IS STILL EARLY TO TALK ABOUT SHABA?

A: NO. WHAT I'M SAYING IS THAT THAT IS THE PURPOSE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE GOING TO THE MEETING, WITH THE PRIMARY FOCUS ON THE ECONOMIC STABILITY OF ZAIRE, PRELI-

MINARY TO THE 13TH AND 14TH MEETING ON THAT SAME SUBJECT.

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I HAVE SAID BEFORE AND I'LL SAY AGAIN, WE MAY -- IN FACT, WE EXPECT -- TO DISCUSS THE SECURITY OF ZAIRE WHILE IN PARIS. WE'VE ALSO SAID THAT THE CONCEPT OF AN AFRICAN FORCE FOR ZAIRE IS WELL WORTH CONSIDERING. WE DISCUSSED THAT BEFORE WITH THE FRENCH AND THE BELGIANS, AND WE PROBABLY WILL BE DISCUSSING IT AGAIN; BUT I CAN ONLY REPEAT WHAT OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE FOCUS OF THE MEETING IS.

Q: YOU DON'T EXPECT TO DISCUSS THE SECURITY OF ANY OTHER PART OF AFRICA?

A: NO. I WOULD NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF DISCUSSING LARGER QUESTIONS IN A MEETING SUCH AS THAT. THE SECRETARY DIDN'T RULE IT TWO DAYS AGO.

Q: AND WHAT WOULD BE THE U.S. POSITION ON OTHER COUNTRIES OTHER THAN ZAIRE?

A: THAT'S WHAT WE'D BE THERE TO DISCUSS. AS I SAID ON TUESDAY, THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANY NUMBER OF IDEAS. WE ARE SEARCHING, AS ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE, FOR WAYS TO INCREASE THE STABILITY OF AFRICA AND THE ABILITY OF AFRICAN NATIONS TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AND TO PURSUE INDEPENDENT COURSE. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE WILLING TO TALK TO ALMOST ANYBODY ABOUT. CHRISTOPHER UNQUOTE VANCE

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